

REMARKS

Only Allowed Claims Remain in the Application

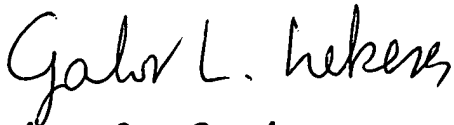
Claims 1 – 10 of the above-identified application were rejected, and Claims 11 – 23, 26 – 31 and 46 were allowed.

The rejected claims were canceled in this amendment with applicant reserving the right to present the canceled claims in a continuation application. After this cancellation only allowed claims remain in the application and their prompt allowance is respectfully solicited.

Comment Regarding Status Identifier in the Complete Listing of Pending Claims:

Applicant, acting through the undersigned attorney indicated the status of all pending claims in accordance with the instructions contained in the "Flyer for Mailing with All Office Actions" (Rev. 3) that was received from the Patent Office. This flyer does not indicate a status identifier as "previously amended", although in the undersigned attorney's view the latter would be a better identifier than "previously presented". Inasmuch among the seven status identifiers that are permitted by the "Flyer" only "previously presented" could fit Claims 11, 26 this identifier was used, instead of "previously amended", for these two claims.

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